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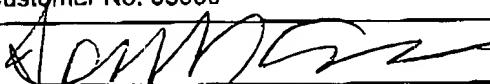
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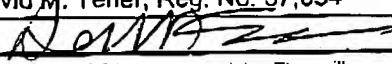
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In view of the foregoing information, it is unclear whether the Examiner considered the November 1, 2001 IDS or mistakenly identified the April 18, 2002 IDS as being the November 1, 2001 IDS. In any event, the Examiner has not acknowledged consideration of a third IDS filed April 5, 2002.

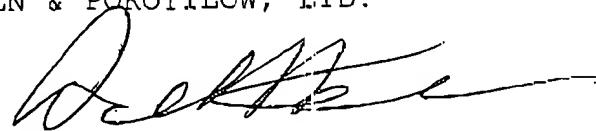
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preparing the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Office Action, review all of the IDSS and issue a new Office Action making record consideration of the references cited in all the IDSS.

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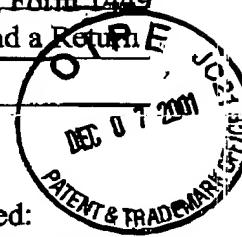
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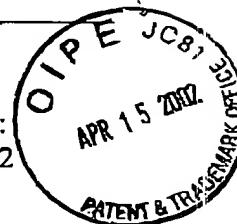
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